Ancient Platinum,

The discovery of platinum was long ught to be quite modern. In the first half of the sixteenth century it was noticed that gold ore from the Spanish mines in Darien sometimes included grains of a white metal which possessed the qualities of what are called the noble metals, but there were no existing records to throw light upon the matter. As the Spankrds prohibited its export, it was another hundred year's before the metal began to find its way into Europe, and it was not till about 1750 that its properties were really investigated. In 1001 M. Berthelot, the famous French savant, made an astonishing discovery in He was examining a metal box, once the property of an Egyptian queen of the seventhy century B. C., and in it he found a plate which at first sight he took to be silver, but afterward turned out to be made of an alloy of gold and platinum. Doubtless the platinum came from the alluvial deposits of the upper Nile.

In looking over a book of travels in France, written more than 100 years ago, I came across an interesting bit about the way of catching frogs for market. The author mentions the fact that frogs were sold by the hundred in the markets, that they were classed as fish and that only the hind quarters were eaten. But to come to the main point he says: "To catch the frogs the fisherman puts one of them in a glass vessel, which he dips into a brook, on which the creature, finding itself in so strange a situation confined in the midst of water in a transparent machine, or, I may say, invisible prison, begins to croak most melodiously, and by his croaking makes multitudes of other frogs come to him on every side, as if to rescue their companion, when the frog fisher valiantly seizes his prey."-London Chronicle.

Waiters and Tips,

A competent waiter is not a fool by a long shot, and no man is so liberal at any other moment of his life as when he is feeding well. A first class serving man at table can wheedle a quarter or half dollar out of even a stingy blather-skite by some delicate attention, by showing just the least bit of interest in his especial welfare. A German lieu-tenant in hard lines is waiting in a swell hotel here. His tips amount to \$10 a day. He is incognito for the present. University graduates could do quite as well. The principal trouble is that waiting is regarded as too servile. too menial, smacking too much of slav-ery. But good waiters make valuable friends and earn several times as much money as bank clerks and shop salesmen. And the calling might be dignified.—New York Press.

Why He Was Called "Good Friday." Alfred Bunn, the celebrated English impresario and operatic librettist of the last century, was not always in an amiable frame of mind, and one day he was seen at a rehearsal holding a wretched "super" by the collar and scolding him savagely. The poor fel-low's fright and distress, says F. J. Crowest in his biographical anecdotes of famous musicians, attracted the attention of Malibran, the famous prima donna. The lady crossed over to the manager and said:

"Do you know, I shall call you 'Good

"Why?" he asked.
"Because," replied Malibran, "you are such a hot cross bun."

Bed sores are sores that form on those parts of the body that are undermost in the position taken up by the bed occupant. As a rule they never form unless the sufferer is confined to one position. When set up they are most distressing. Whisky or brandy used as a lotion to the healthy skin once daily will prevent them. When there are commencing sores they should be treated with white of egg mixed with powdered alum. The two should be well rubbed up together. If one has not a mortar and pestle it is a good plan to mix the things in a basin with a bone knife handle.

Whyf

Why do we always talk of putting on our coats and vests when we always put on first our vest and then our coat?

Why do we refer to the coverings of our feet as shoes and stockings when the stockings are first put on?

Why do we invite people to wipe their feet when we mean their shoes? Why, in the olden times, did a father tell his son he would warm his jacket when every one knew he meant his pantaloons?

Purely Business.

"Of course," said the shrewd business man, "I don't want to be sick, but it looks as if I'd have to call in Dr

erroughs for a couple of weeks."
"What for?" demanded his friend. "He owes me \$100, and that's about the only way I can collect it."—Philadelphia Press.

Altruistic.

Reginald-Why does your father want you to stop taking plano lessons? Kathryn-He says it's too much of a mental strain. Reginald-Oh, pshaw! You look strong enough. Kathryn—Oh, the strain isn't on me. It's on the others in the house.—Chicago News.

A Million Cold.

Mrs. Black—There goes old Money-bags. They say he is worth a million cold. Mrs. White—Yes, he will be. He carries a million insurance.—Milwau-

Keep ex trimming your lamps, tilling your soil, tugging and pegging away. You can never tell when the messenger of success will come.

There is one thing that French mothers do not do enough. That is to separate from their growing boys, to send home and into situations where they must look after themselves. The mother's happiness is complete only with her children around ber. Let life not keep them too much apart. From this arise too fearsome ideas of distance and a too timid attachment to the natal

soil or the maternal city. The difficulty is that it is very re-luctantly admitted among the French that the time must come for the nestling to use its own wings. I have seen most excellent parents worry themselves nearly to death because a daughter will not acquiesce in their ideas or wish to accept the husband of their choice. To a son or a daughter rery devoted but independent it is of-

ten said, "You love me no longer."
But if we have touched here upon a somewhat delicate point the good will and love of the French mothers are above all praise, even if sometimes farsightedness and breadth of mind be mewhat lacking,-Charles Wagner in Cosmopolitan.

Queer Hatching Processes.

Chilean frog, known also as Darwin's frog, is unique in its method of hatching eggs. The female is not abnormal, but the male has a large pouch which underlies its whole body and is connected with its mouth by two open-ings, one on either side of its tongue. When his mate has laid her eggs this devoted parent takes them into his fore paws and places them inside his mouth, whence they presently pass by the two passages into the expectant pouch. Here they remain in warm and safe seclusion until they are batched and emerge as newborn tadpoles to the light. The breeding habits of the mid-wife frog are not less singular. He winds the strings of new laid eggs round his hind legs and vanishes into The Surinam toad places eggs one by one in hexagonal cells formed in the back of the mother toad, whence in due time they hop out, not tadpoles, but

The Ease of Normal Death.

According to a scientist, the immediate cause of death in all but very exceptional cases, such as accident, is the poisoning of the nervous centers by carbonic acid, which accumulates in the blood owing to the failure of the arrangement for its removal. "This gas is an anaesthetic," he explains, "and has, indeed, been employed as such, both locally and otherwise. This property of carbonic acid may be termed a merciful provision of nature. Normal death is a painless occurrence, usually preceded by gradual loss of consciousness entailing no more suffering than going to sleep. The accumulation of this merciful gas often induces muscular contraction or spasms, which are preceded by loss of consciousness, but which may have suggested to uncritical observers that their moribund subject was in agony.

Lucky.

A story that comes from Ireland relates to the custom among farmers there of depositing money in the bank in the joint names of husband and wife, so that when one dies the survivor can draw out the money without any legal formalities.

To a farmer who recently made application for money deposited for himself and his wife the manager asked:
"Why, Pat, how can this be? It is not much more than a year since you came with a similar application on the death

of your wife."

"Well, your honor," was the reply,
"I'm a bit lucky wid women."—Harper's Weekly.

The Perfect Prescription.

A patient at a metropolitan hospital goes away best satisfied when he is given something to drink out of a bot-The drinking, according to cient ritual, must not be less often than three times a day and the ceremony must have some reference to meals. The draft to be efficient should be colored. It must have a marked odor, so that he may invite his friends to smell It should be loathsome to the taste. so that the taking of it may call for some heroism. Above all, it needs to possess an evil looking sediment which will require a formal shaking of the vial-London Hospital.

Paternal Confidence.

The Young Man (with some embarrassment)—There is one question you haven's asked me yet, Mr. Hur-pop. You haven't wanted to know whether or not I think I can make a living for your daughter. Man—That isn't necessary, Henry. She'll see that you make the living, all right, if she's at all like her mother and I think she is .- Chicago Tribune.

Made Up For It.

"Do you remember, love, years ago we sat one moonlight night by this lake? I had my head on your breast and for an hour spoke not a

"Yes, and it has never happened again since."

His Own Way.

"Do you ever have your own way?" asked the cynical near relative.

"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton, "Some times I have my own way, but not without consulting Henrietta very carefully before I make up my mind."

Getting Up Courage. Knicker—Jones and his wife are singing "The Marseillaise." Bocker the cook.-Harper's Bazar.

Lost time is never found again, and what we call time enough always proves little enough.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Petition for Final Discharge.

In Re Ed M. Erraest as Earnest Dry Goods Company, Bankrupt. In the Matter of Petition for Final Descharge.

On this 1st day of December, A D. On this 1st day of December, A. D. 1905, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1905, before said Court, at Jacksonville, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and that notice thereof be published in the De Soto County News, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and

show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors notice of said petition and this order addressed to them at their places of residence

as stated,
Witness the Honorable James W.
Locke, Judge of the said Court, and
the seal thereof at Jacksonville, ou
the 1st day of December, A. D. 1905.
[Seal.] JAMES W. LOCKE, Judge.

A true copy. Attest: E O. Locke, Clerk.

Notice for Application for Leave to Sell Minor's Land. Leave to Sell Minor's Land.

Notice is hereby given that four weeks after date hereot, to wit: On the 5th day of January, A. D. 1906, I will apply to the Honorable J. B. Cochran, county judge, in and for DeSoto county, Florida, at his office in the court house at Arcadia, Florida, for an order authorizing the sale of the following described land belonging to Benia Thomas, a minor, to-wit: Lot 20 in block 63 of the original survey of the town of Trabue, as per plat recorded in the office of the circuit court of DeSoto county. This Dec. 8, 1905.

FLORIDA A. THOMAS, Guardian.

Notice.
To all whom it may concern:
You are hereby notified that four weeks after date hereof I will apply to J. B. Cochran, county judge of DeSoto county, Florida, at his office in Arcadia, for an order to sell at private sale one undivided one half private sale one undivided one half interest in the west half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter in section 8, less five acres on the north end of said land. Also one undivided one-half interest in the west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of pand also one undivided one half interest in five acres of land in the 17, and also one undivided one half interest in five acres of land in the north emit of the west half of the north west quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 17, township 33 south, range 25 east; also one undivided one-fourth interest in lots two and three, block 22 in the town of Bowling Green, Florida, all lying and being in D. Soto county, Florida, JOSEPH H. PEEPLES, Guardian for Nellie P. Peeples.

Guardian for Nellie P. Peoples. Arcadia, Fla., Nov. 22, 1905, 11 24 5w

Notice.

In the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Cir-nut of the State of Florida, in and for DeSoto Junity In Chancery, Lewis P. Seward Bill to remove Cloud.

Robert J. Edwards

To the defendant herein, Robert J. Edwards:
You will hereby take notice that there
been filed in this court a bill of complaint agai
you by Lewis P. Seward: for certain purpo
herein set forth. You are therefore ordered;
required to appear in this honorable court
answer said bill on the first day of a antary, it
and this order you are to been under penalty law, or said bill will be taken as confes

the law, or said bill will be taken as consessuagainst you.

It is further recred that this notice be publiseed in the DeSoto County, News, a newspaper published in DeSoto County, Florida, for four consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand and official real at Arcadia, Florida on this 20th day of November, 1905.

By M. A. Coye, D. C. Clerk Circuit Court I certify that the above is a true copy of originar on file in my office.

H. E. Carlton, Clark Circuit Court, Clark Circuit Court,

Notice. In the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the state of Florida, in and for Desoto Jounty In Chancery. Lewis P. Seward.

William P. Couper.)
To the defenda de brein, William P. Couper;
You are hereby notified that there has bee
filed in this court against you a bill of complain
by Lewis P. Seward for the certain purpostherein set form. You are therefore ordered at
required to appear in this Court to answer sa
offile in the 5th day of February, A. D. 1906, at
this order you are to heed under penalty of the
law or this bill will be taken as confessed again
you

law or this bill will be taken as confessed against you. It is further ordered that this notice be published in the DeSoto County News, a newspaper published in Arcadia, Décoto County for eight consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand and official seal at Arcadia Florida, this the 30th day of November, 1905.

H. E. Carlton, [Seal]
I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original now oa file in my office.

Treadwell & Treadwell

Treadwell & Treadwell atty's for complaiant. 11-24-8wk. Notice of Application.

To All Whom it May Concern:
Be it known that four weeks after date hereof,
he rlorida Baptist orphanage will make applic
the Honorable Joseph B. wall, Judge of the
licensit cout of the Sixth Judicial Circuit
c, rida, in and for Desoto county, at his office
n the city of Tampa, Hilish rough county, Plaor amend section 4 of its charter, so se to read as
will need.

Notice.

All parties indebted to Owen H. Parker are kindly requested to call UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, | 88. and settle at the mayor's office, in Southern District of Florida, | 68. the DeSoto Block, for same. the DeSoto Block, for same.

Respectfully, OWEN H. PARKER.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mary J. Scarborough,
Guardian
This the H,h day of September, 1905.

Sheriff's Sale.

A. C. Freeman,
Sheriff Penoto County Florida.
Attys. for Plaintiff.

Application for rax Deed.

Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, Fia.
[Seal] By C. L. Ceriton, D. C.

Notice. In Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for DeSoto County.

M M. Smth and H. A. McEachern vs. The Florida Land and Improvement Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey .-

Bill to Reform Deed.

It appearing from the affidavit of T. L. Wilson, one of the solicitors for complainants in the above styled causes, to the bill of complaint appended, that the defendant, the Florida Land & Improvement Company of New Jersey, is a corporation with its principal office and place of business in the city, county and state of New York, and that there is no person within the state of Florida the service of a subpenaupon whom would bind said defendant.

It is therefore.

upon whom would bind said defendant.

It is therefore ordered that the said defendant. The Florida Land & Improvement Company, of New Jersey, a corporation as aforesaid, do appear to the bill of complaint herein filed on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1906, the same being the 5th day of said month.

And it is further ordered that this order be published in the DeSoto County News, a weekly newsparer published and of general circuit tion in DeSoto county. Florida, for four weeks prior to the said 5th day of February, A. D. 1906.

Witness H. E. Carlion, clerk and the seal of said court at Arcadia, Florida, this the 15th day of December, 1905.

H E CARLTON, Clerk.



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If you have any hogs for sale, write or telephone us; we will pay full market price for hogs dressed or on foot. This industry should be profitable to you and us. Try it.

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